Export of Wheat and Rice

†784. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of foodgrains is considered due to its surplus stock in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme to encourage export of wheat and rice from the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c)As per EXIM Policy, export of rice is free subject to registration with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Exports Development Authority (APEDA). Export of wheat is also free subject to quantitative ceilings as may be notified by the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) from time to time and Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate issued by APEDA.

In order to liquidate surplus wheat stocks, the following decisions have been taken:-

(i) **Provision of Commodity loan of wheat to SAARC countries, or any other countries, who are willing to take loan.**

(ii) **Entering into Barter trade wheat with those countries which can supply us commodities in exchange of wheat at prices at which they are importing wheat from other countries.**

(iii) **FCI has been allowed to export wheat on Govt. to Govt. account subject to suitable floor price.**

Rise in Export

†785: DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export from the country is on the rise since the last few years;

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(b) if so, the rate of increase in the annual export growth during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999- 2000;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the items of export have also changed during these years; and

(d) if so, the names as well as value of the top 10 items exported during each of the above years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per DGCI and S data, the value of exports and growth rates for the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as under:

(US $ Million)

Year	Exports	%change
1997-98	35006	4.6
1998-99	33219	-5.1
1999-2000*	37538	11.6

*Data for 1999-2000 are provisional and subject to change; growth rates calculated are over the corresponding provisional figures of 1998-99.

(c) and (d) The composition of export items changes over time. The names and values of ten top export items for the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as under:-

Export items (1997-98)	Value in US $ Million
Gems & Jewellery	5346
Cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups etc.	3264
RMG cotton including accessories	2875
Drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemls	1458
Marine products	1207
Machinery and instruments	1196
Manufactures of metals	1023
Transport equipment	929
Oil meals	924
Manmade yarn, fabrics, madeups	805

Export items (1998-99)	Value in US $ Million
Gems & Jewellery	5929
RMG cotton including accessories	3147
Cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups etc.	2772
Rice	1493
Drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemls	1487
Manufactures of metals	1040
Marine products	1038
Machinery and instruments	1155
RMG Manmade fibres	924
Transport equipment	762

Export items (1999-2000)	Value in US $ Million
Gems & Jewellery	7636
RMG cotton including accessories	3520
Cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups etc.	3139
Drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemls	1530
Manufactures of metals	1243
Marine products	1180
Machinery and instruments	1156
Manmade yarn, fabrics, madeups	820
Transport equipment	773
Primary & Semi-finished iron & steel	753

Decline in Export of Agricultural Products

†786. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of agricultural products is declining in the country;

(b) the percentage of such export, out of the total export, made from the country during 1997-98, 1998- 99 and 1999-2000 separately; and

(c) the value of such export made in each of the above years?

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